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Re: Amendment 23 to 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for
Rural, Non Metropolitan Planning Organization areas

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

We have reviewed Amendment 23 to the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for Rural, Non Metropolitan Planning Organization areas of the State. This amendment adds $1,748,478 in FTA 5309 funds plus a local match of $349,696 for a transit facility project in Mammoth Lakes. The amendment also modifies funding for a State funded Transportation Enhancement project in Tehama County.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR part 450 and find that the amended FSTIP is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process, and was developed in accord with the statewide planning provisions in 23 U.S.C. 135. The projects included in this action are exempt from a regional emissions analysis/conformity determination requirement. The fiscal impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan.

This action has been coordinated with the FHWA CA Division Office. We are approving this amendment to the 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP for the non-MPO areas of California in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX.*

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ted Matley at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

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